WHO WILL BE CHOSEN STATE CHAIRMAN?

Spirited Contest in Progress Between Messrs. Ellyson and Lawless, but the Best of Feeling Prevails-Both are Popular.

CLAIMS PUT FORTH BY FRIENDS OF THE TWO DISTINGUISHED ASPIRANTS.

in progress in Virginia, that for the chairtee, between the faithful present incumbent-Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson-and the popular young Secretary of the Common-wealth-Hon. Joseph T. Lawless-is by no means the least interesting. Indeed, appears that almost as much anxiety elt by the friends of the two distinguished aspirants as to the final result as is being manifested over the outcome of some of the struggles for offices of emolu-

reflects great credit on all parties con-cerped; and that is, that while there are evidences of activity on both sides, yet-certainly up to this point-the light has been conducted on a very lofty plane, and no word which would detract in the re-

Among the many political contests now | land a majority of about 50,000. The triumphant election of Governor O'Ferrall and an almost solidly Democratic Legislature followed in 1893, and in each suc ceeding contest, under Mr. Ellyson's splendid management, the party has marched "from victory unto victory," electing Democratic Governors, Congress-nen and legislators by ever increasing

TRAINS IN THE YOUNGER CLASS.
Hon, Joseph T. Lawless, whose friends throughout the State are pressing his claims for the chairmanship, belongs to the younger element of the party, but he is very popular, and is recognized as a campaign manager of no mean ability. Mr. Lawless was, warmly urged by his friends to stand for the position before the Norfolk Convention last year, but he finally declined, and announced that he would be a candidate before the coming

Mr. Lawiess, although active in the local politics in Portsmouth and Norfolk county for a long time, made his first

working hard for his success. are working hard for his success. He is a lawyer of recognized ability, and is a close student of governmental affairs. There are few men in the State who keep in closer touch with what is going on in politics than Mr. Lawless, and he is often called upon to help his friends when they get in "deep water," and he never fails to respond cheerfully and substantially.

When Congressman Maynard gave the distress signal" last full Mr. Lawless rushed to his rescue, and it is said that but for his splendid management of the contest some other candidate would have received the nomination and been the representative from the Second District

THE ARGUMENTS ADVANCED.

Of course, there are always reasons, and
en strong ones, advanced for the can-

il party record, and the fact that while

party's affairs.

matter of suffrage, which they expect Constitutional Convention to make that their man measures up to all the re

ANOTHER VIRGINIA luminous, to-wit: Manhattan. Hence Manhattan can be styled the wealthiest and wickedest borough in the United The peculiarities of its sections have determined in the main its precincts of vice. Twenty years ago Broadway, within the shadow of Grace Church steeple and A. T. Stewart's Tenth-Street store; NATURAL BRIDGE

driven out as the property became valu able as sites for great stores, and not by reformers. Yet in those days the reform-er was abroad. To-day the value of real

estate for stores or residences has regu-lated the sequestration. That portion of the once-famous Tenderloin district, skirting the neighborhood of great ho-tels, was infested by undesirable people.

Parkhurst, in his well-intentioned efforts to cleanse the town, descended upon it and drove the social outcasts abroad. They swarmed into respectable flat-

GAMBLING-HOUSE EVIL.

The gambling-house cvil, like that of the social evil, caters to all classes of the

community, and both are liberally sun-

ported by men recruited from the most cultivated, wealthy and prominent walks of the. The "pool-room," the "crap game," the "policy-shop" is run in every

part of the city. - The customers are legion. They exist at the expense of a

suppress one means to create another.

suppress one means to create another. They spring up over-night. Places like Canfield's, adjoining Delmonico's cafe; Reed's, adjoining the Hoffman House, are only open to men of fashion and recognized wealth and position. After the theatres they are crowded with men bearing knoored names. Their appointments are costly, their suppers excellent, their attention and courtesy unmatched. Men risking fortunes, millions, on the ups and downs of the stock, cotton and produce market play faro or

cotton and produce market play faro or roulette, risking a few thousands, as a mere amusement. The fever of gambling consumes them by day and by night. The most mammoth gambling establish-

ment in New York city is the Stock Exchange. Here the game is played for high and low stakes. When the reformers begin in earnest they must first put the seal of disapproval upon the licensed gamblers of the Exchange.

These two evils, colossal and destrucive, rise like huge, menacing spectres, wer the young and old, but they appeal o men whose natures respond. It is not he reformer who is needed; it is the

Regenerator. After years of experience, observation and study 1 am prepared to state that these evils have kept pace with the development of the city, and, comparatively speaking. New York is no

worse to-day than it was when Jefferson

THAT BIG STEEL DEAL.
Wall Street has fairly recovered from
the surprise Pierpont Morgan gave it
when he launched the Steel Trust. Wall

Street recovers rapidly from all surprises. President Gates, of Federal Steel fame, could not impress Morgan by his blue-striped shirt, his cattle-yard manners, or

nis desire "to let the boys in," or "out,"

is the case might have been. Whether

one of the biggest on record. It is exposed to two dangers—disintegration from its own enormity and the wrath of the people. The programme of reducing expenses by cutting off employes in all

exacting contracts for supplies, by lestroying competition among buyers, in fact, upon the very grounds of the argu-ments advanced for the unification of

rooted and widespread that it will invoke hostile legislation. Of the \$1,300,000 of alleged property values how much repre-sents the cash actually invested? To indicate how sensitive to every breath

hese monster corporations are, It is suf-

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T. F. KYAN'S STROKE.

The Fright Strucke.

Thomas F. Ryan is in the city, elated with his success in combining the traction companies of Chicago. Mr. Ryan has behind him not only the famous

clique composed of William C. Whitney,

active stocks. Mr. Taylor is his son-in-law. Samuel Q. Brown, president of the Tide Water Oil Company, is one σf the

most recently-arrived magnates in the street. He has won for himself a repu-tation for fair dealing and for great abili-

Entertainments in Rouss Hall.

hen Elkins and Anthony Brady, but

Green Street, running from Canal to Fourth Street, parallel to Broadway by two blocks, was infested with dives and saloons that were horrible. They were Lee County Has One That Carries a Wagon Road.

STREAM PLAYS HIDE AND SEEK.

The Natural Curiosities of the Southwest Highly Interesting - Large Stream thatBorsts from Mountain Side. Lee County for Montague.

JONESVILLE, VA., March 9.-It is, perhaps, not generally known that Virhas another Natural Bridge besides the one in Rockbridge county, which "carries a highway, spans a river and makes two mountains one."

Lee county boasts of the second, and while it is not such a magnificent piece of "Nature's handiwork," as the one fust mentioned, yet it is well worth see-ing. About two miles west of here and pursuing a westerly course for the most part, is Browing's Creek, which under-takes to play "hide and seek" and its limped, gurgling waters seem to say with great appropriateness, "Now you see me; now you don't." Disappearing in the ground in an open field, this stream flows under ground for about a mile when it makes its appearance only to disappear again in about 100 yards; then, after flowing under ground for about 50 yards, it makes its appearance again for less than 25 yards, when it passes from view final 25 yards, when it again comes for about 269 yards; then it again comes in full view, and after a graceful curve of about 25 yards, goes under a natural bridge over which a public county road passes. A horseman can casily ride under the bridge. The water, so often discussion above flows between resudisappearing above, flows between regu-lar strata of limestone rock, and the general appearance of the surface of the earth is the same as that seen in other limestone regions where our natural wonders are found, NATURAL TUNNEL ROUTE.

NATURAL TUNING MOST.

From Bristol to Big Stone Gap runs the Virginia and Southwestern Railway, formerly the South Atlantic and Ohio. This is known as the "Natural Tunnel Route," so named on account of a natural runs of the state of the st ral tunnel in Scott county, not far be low Gate City. The trains pass through this tunnel, as does also a clear mountain stream of considerable size. One end of this tunnel would easily accome modate four tracks, while the other end is somewhat more narrow. The scenery of the approach to this tunnel is wild

and grand BURSTS FROM MOUNTAIN SIDE. Scott county has another natural curiosity in a large stream which bursts from the mountain side, flows across the road and goes down the mountain like road and goes down the mountain like a cataract. Its source has never been discovered.

as the case might have been. Whether King Morgan desired to save Gates' friends from the amics of steel companies stocks out of a kindly regard for them, or to save the water in the stocks from being shaken by feeble and nervous hands, is a mooted question. Bubbles are being blown big and round, bigger and rounder than ever before, and this last steel "combination of properties" is one of the biggest on record. It is Politics absorb the interest of almost everybody. Several prospective repre-sentatives in the Constitutional Convention from Lee are mentioned, but there is as yet no avowed candidates.

The people say emphatically that in the

gubernatorial fight this county will undoubtedly be for Montague.

Magnanimous Infant.

He is the cousin of a chubby 4-year-old whose home is in New York. This little man has also been started up in the way he should go.

One day he visited some relation by

as his highness considered fitting, and he resented it for a time. But when prayer-time came he relented enough to prayer-time came he referred enough to frame this petition, which he tacked of to the end of the second prayer: "Please, God, bless papa and mamma and grandpa and grandma, and even the Joneses!"—Lewiston Journal.

IT CURED HIM

and will cure you. He had rheumatism and writes us: "You sold me a bottle of your Dixle Nerve and Bone Liniment, which I used freely, rubbing vigorously with it that night, and was most agreeably surprised when on getting up the next morning to find the rheumatism entirely Stephen Eikins and Anthony Brady, but the Morton Trust Company and Pier-port Morgan & Co. Mr. Ryan is con-ceded to be one of the ablest re-organizers and financiers in the Street. Twenty years ago he was a "two-dollar broker" on the Exchange. James R. Keene si-lently walks up and down the small room in the brokerage office of J. Taibott Taylor & Co., and retain his old-time grip on the active stocks. Mr. Taylor is his son-incured, and my arm perfectly well. I told the above to a friend suffering in the same way and he tried your "Dixte Nerve and Bone Liniment" ard was speed-

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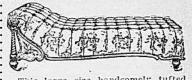


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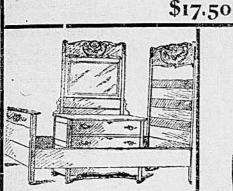


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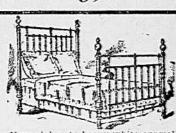
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THE ALLEGED CRUSADE A FARCE

Tammany Hall in the Game and Big Rake-Offs Are Gathered in from Time

to Time.

By W. T. MANNING.

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NEW YORK, March 9.—To an observer not accustomed to the apathy of the citizens of our great American cities the picture of social, economic and political conditions in New York, as reflected by the great daily press and commented upon by laborer and merchant alike, would create sensations of surprise and astonishment. It is openly charged that a condition of vice and crime flourishes astonishment. It is openly charged that a condition of vice and crime flourishes under the auspices of such branches of the local government as are maintained by taxes and created by law for the purpose of eradicating the one and suppressing the other. Indeed, in the sweeping arraignment of public officials the list begins with the Mayor and ends with the patrolman on post.

The lowest dance kouses, the vilest brothels are not merely allowed to exist, spreading their contagion and pollution broadcast, but are permitted to flourish, flaunting themselves with uncontrolled license in sections habited by poor yet respectable persons, thus scattering far

respectable persons, thus scattering far and near the seeds of degradation and destroying innocence by contamination. Gambling dens and pool-rooms infest all quarters, from the squalid, pent-up tene-ment districts to the aristocratic sections peopled with the most cultured and rement districts to the aristocratic sections peopled, with the most cultured and re-fined classes of the great metropolis. And these places, these pest-holes, preying upon the health and wealth of the citi-zen and the stranger, destroying physical vigor and striking a death blow to fru-gality and industry, flourish, it is alleged, under the protestion of a political syngality and industry, flourish, it is alteged, under the protection of a political syndicate. A syndicate so powerful in itself that it levies tribute upon brothel keeper and gambling house proprietor, exacts a policy of non-interference from the police, holds in check the authority of the Mayor and dominates the councils of the most important political organization in the five boroughs—Tammany Hall.

ONE BIG FINAL GRAB.

It is charged that the "political syndi-cate," which shares the wages of vice and crime and fattens upon the increasing immorality and waywardness of the citizens and strangers in the great metropolis, are apprehensive that their metropolis, are apprehensive that their days are numbered, and are seeking every means to swell their receipts before they are driven out of power. Hence, emboldened by desperation, they seek desperate means and increase the indignation of those who are organizing to depose them. Richard Croker, the so-called "boss" of the organization, is plainly exhibited as a mere puppet pulled hither and thither to do their bidding. He, too, loves money, caring little from the, too, loves money, caring little from whence it comes, but he loves power more. Realizing that the syndicate was more. Realizing that the syndicate was overstepping the bounds of prudence in fame, he who imagined he ingratiated

ONE BIG FINAL GRAB.

Governor Roosevelt dismissed the Tammany Hall District Attorney and ap-pointed Philbin. Croker's vice committee became a town

joke. Nixon, finding his popularity wan-ing, his sincerity questioned, his reputa-tion at stake, combined with Philbin. Then came a sensational "coup de the-atre" with a Tammany Hall leader compromised, and Messrs. Philbin and Nixon on top.

And Croker was reported as urging his Committee of Five to continue the good

DEVERY MUST GO.

But Governor Odell determined to take a hand in the game of blind man's bluff. He rejected Senator Platt's State's Con-stabulary bill and "fixed the responsi-bility" on a single commissioner by legislating the chief of police and four com-missioners out of office. Devery must

Philbin is no man's man; Devery is the political syndicate's man.

And Croker is reported as naming Murphy, a mere shadow of a man with one foot in the grave, Commissioner of Police, and Devery as Deputy Commis-

The public of the State and more particularly the citizens of the great city of New York receive the announcement of the appointment of Murphy in silence, and that of Devery with a shrug of the shoulder. Accustomed to marvelous changes in the political kaleidoscope, the taxpayer and citizen sees shift follow shift with indifference. Expressions of disapproval are heard on every side. Every action of political bosses is quietly discussed; yet without anger, vexation or signs of irritation. It is as the comment of an audience at a theatre. The people watch the performance of Gov-ernor. Mayor, Commissioner of Police. Deputy Commissioner, Boss Croker, Boss Platt, Boss McLaughlin, Committees of Five, Committees of Fifteen, and raids in the preserves of the political syndicate,

and laugh.
Up in Albany sits His Excellency the Governor. It is said the appointment of Dovey as Deputy Commissioner disturbed him. Down in the Mayor's office sits His

keeping the flag at the top of the mast when Queen Victoria died, he who promises in case of strikes the militia will not called out, he who chants the praise

ODELL DISTURBED. Yes, His Excellency, the Governor, is disturbed. Did the bill be provided to oust the political syndicate's Chief of Police exceed his expectations? When "Ben Odeli "looked after legislation" in previous years he did not wear magnifying a fat place or leave to chance the hand that held the power of appointment. Did the Governor overlook the deputy comnissionership as a place for Devery, or fail to see that the hand to point him out would be the hand of Van Wyck and the voice, the voice of Croker? No; they would not believe that; no, not even in

Newburgh.

But what have the people before them? District Attorney Philbin chasing vice, assisted by Nixon, chairman of the Committee of Five-Tammany Purifiers. One gambling house is raided, and then the committee, overcome with the enormity of its find, rests on its laurels and re-

Next, Commissioner Murphy announc-ing himself the monarch of all he surveys in lengthy interviews, with Devery grinning over his shoulder and whisper-ing: "You are the stuff, Commissioner." Next the Committee of Fifteen, with lenges set, charging "a la Quixote" gam-tling houses who have had "a tip" of their coming forty minutes before the

A NICE GANG.

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Boss McLaughlin, the nabob of Willoughby Street, in the land of orange blossoms swearing vengeance; Boss Croker, in Wartage, England, cabling: "Close gambling houses, drive out vice!" Both singing to friendly admirers: "Absence makes the heart grow fond!"

But the political syndicate stays at home. It grows fatter and fatter, richer and richer, and vice and crime go on.

and richer, and vice and crime go on. William M. Tweed, a tyre in the art of fleecing the public, when confronted by the works of his piratical crew pro-

ounded the memorable conumdrum: "Well, what are you going to do about t?" This question is now being asked by tax-payers, moralists, reformers and

The answer is elect a man of affairs, a merchant, a man of position, who is known and in whom the people have confidence. A week ago at least a dozen gentlemen were named as suitable can-didates, but, at the present time, among the leaders that will make the choice there is a general consensus of opinion that E. M. Knox, the manufacturer, would be the strongest nominee to head the forces of reform against the Tammany candidate, whoever he may be. A large employer of labor, and a native New Yorker, Mr. Knox is acceptable to all the advocates of a pure system of municipal administration, in which high officials shall not be participators in the plunder of the public. The Republican leaders are willing to give him their support; the independent Democrats would be pleased to see him put in nomination, and the various reform organiza-tions would enthusiastically support him. He has all the qualities required for the first municipal position in the country, great business ability, high in-tegrity and unquestioned popularity with

Two visions by men's dying eyes are seen, Both so unlike, both freighted with

despair, The lovely shade of what they might have been.
The unclean, gibbering ghost of what

they were. Theodosia Pickering Garrison, in March

"New" Lippincott.

THE ASTOUNDING WICKEDNESS GOING ON IN NEW YORK CITY

Regeneration, Not Reform, Needed in the Great Empire City.

GAMBLING IN WALL STREET

The Game of Chance Appeals to High and Low Alike, and Fortunes Are Made and Lost in a Day.

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of joint-keepers and gambling-house pro-prietors. Sodom and Gomorrah, the cities of antiquity which have held the palm

NEW YORK, March 2.- New York is in , the packet of the emotions he is known

or regenerate manking and cope with the evils as practical questions. Our laws do not permit of making exiles of undesirable eitizens. This is a wise policy, as it avoids the denudation of populous cities of their inhabitants. That officials have fastened themselves leech-fashion on the body of corruption, sucking into themselves the life-blood of the collection.

the hands of detached bands of refermers, who are endeavoring to make it a spotless town. Their work is described by a Tammany Hall leader as "an organized movement to pander to the moral sentiment of the community." It is, in fact, a periodic spasm of virtue which manifests itself at regular intervals and generally before a mayoralty election. The "ins" are always charged by the "outs" as maintaining vice and crime as an industry and by sharing in the profits of ioint-keepers and gambling-house pro-

of joint-keepers and gambing-holes propertions. Sodom and Gomorrah, the cities of antiquity which have held the pain for four-ply, copper-riveted and double-bolted wickedness, are said to be outdistanced by this metropolis, and its said to be outdistanced by this metropolis, and its said to the complished by the election of a mayor hostil to the bad men of Tammany.

Thave seen something of the wickedness of New York during a period of twenty-five years. During that time all kinds of men have been elected mayors, and they have represented every kind of political organization. Candidly, I have seen very little difference in "the slakpois of the big city," whoever the major to quote Thomas Jefferson in 1823, who said: "New York, dike London, seems to be a cloacina of all the depravities of human nature."

I would like to see every city and hamlet in the United States to be without at sinner. I would, indeed, rejoice if fails, penitentiaries and prisons were unnecessary; if all women were, as Caesar desired his wife to be, and no maris midd entertained thoughts of specialism or of entertained thoughts of specialism of content and the borough which is the most of the churches which keep and observe that is for the content of the content compassed by the election of a mayor hostil to the bad men of Tammany.

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Selves the life-blood of the social and gambling eviis, is deplorable, yet control-able. This phase of the question is a mere incident, yet the reformers make it the whole thing. When it is further discovered that the reformers are themselves among the "outs," and not devoid of their motives becomes apparent to those who desire New York to be a verticable earthly paradise.

WORST ON EARTH.

Of the five boroughs, Manhattan possesses, in overwhelming quantities, all that makes a city.

ty, I, N. Seligman is a man worth watching. His influence is growing fast as a controlling force. THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCE. The Four-Year Limit Has Been Removed.

> Entertainments in Rouss Hall.
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> (Special Dispatch to The Times.)
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> WINCHESTER, VA., March 9.—Rev. Dr. John P. Hyde, chairman of the Committee on Transportation of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is arranging with the railroads for the transportation of those who will attend the Conference in Roanoke the first week in April. The fare for ministers and delegates will be a fare and a third for the round trip, and tickets can be bought from April 1st to 7th, good to return until April 1st. Dr. Hyde, who is president of the Valley Female College, of this city, has held the position of chairman of the Transportation Committee for thirty-two years, and at the last session of the Conference he was presented with a gold watch by the ministers as a token of their appreciation of his services.
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> The congregation of the Braddock-Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, seem to be satisfied with Rev. W. H. H. Joyce, and it is expected that Conference will reappoint him pastor of that church. He and his family are very popular with the people, and during his one-year residence in Winchester the attendance at his charrich has increased.
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> A petition will be sent to the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which meets at Hagerstown, Md., requesting that Rev. E. Olin Eldridge be reappointed pastor of the Market-Street (Special Dispatch to The Times.)